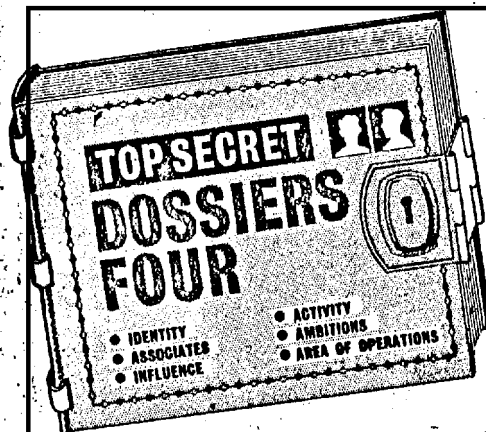


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● DOSSIERS—ON FOUR OF THE PEOPLE, ORGANISATIONS, INSTITUTIONS—NO STATE SECURITY SERVICE, NO KEY POLICY-MAKER CAN EVER AFFORD TO IGNORE. FIRST—THE TOP SPYMASTER HIMSELF, RED RABORN, HEAD OF THE U.S. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. A NEW SERIES, ON MEN AND GROUPS TO WATCH—ALWAYS!

This was General Ivan Ivanovich Agayants, head of Department D of Russia's KGB, the State security organization.

His dossier "Concerning Raborn, W. F.," penetrated behind the bluff, hearty, seadog exterior.

It showed the admiral to be 59—usual appointment age for America's top spymaster—and to have been born in the Texas town of Marlow (pop. then 3,000).

This Texan link brought KGB's inevitable call to their man in Washington: "We request you to clarify whether Raborn has close past association with U.S. President Johnson, endeavour ascertain . . ."

But the two had barely met. Texas is big. There seemed no reason to suspect that Johnson, through a fellow Texan, was moving in to master-mind CIA.

The early part of the Raborn dossier, cross-references from GRU (military intelligence) files, was mainly routine, unclassified material.

NAVY RECORD

"Graduated Annapolis (class of '28), served destroyers, battleships, qualified officer, hardtop (U.S. Navy term for

RED RABORN—eyebrows, not politics, colour his nickname—is the small-town boy who has done better than become the new-style folk hero; he is their boss, the spymaster—M of James Bond, Mr. Alexander Waverly of the young men from U.N.C.L.E.

Only Vice-Admiral William F. Raborn, Jr. (Ret.), is for real, director of the United States Central Intelligence Agency.

His home background is so disarming it might have been plotted for the role: devoted husband and grandfather, dedicated rose-grower, ballad-singing Baptist (self-accompanied on an electric organ kept in the basement so as not to fret neighbours).

Two of his pleasures combine in his favourite ballad: The Yellow Rose of Texas.

So unlikely did he appear for the job that his was the one name no one in Washington tipped to lead America's super-secret corps of super-spies.

Even so, when he got the job, he was not caught on the hop.

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aircraft carriers).
 "In action Pacific, reported very cool, efficient under Kamikaze (Japanese) attack. Had night deck repaired ready safe landing carrier's homing strike force (awarded Silver Star)."

"1954: Conduct similar, in command of carrier Bennington, when catapult exploded disastrously.

"1955: Transferred Washington (personal decision Admiral Arleigh Burke, Chief of Naval Operations) to take charge Special Projects Office."

"The dossier was no longer routine, as was shown by Enclosure No. 1 to an index 'H' (scientific and technical) letter from Washington. The letter, classed top secret, bore the 'VV' stamp of 'Very Important.'"

Enclosure No. 1 reported: "Raborn, WF — in charge small staff but responsible for 20,000 top secret contacts. Reportedly states: 'I can get more out of one overworked man than out of two underworked men.' Advocates PERT."

To Washington by return: "Ascertain and inform us about PERT..."

Reply: "PERT is Programme Evaluation Review Technique. This is little known, still unproved American management system. Appears based on strict timetables."

computerised data to achieve phasing of complex construction project."

The project proved to be no less than the Polaris missile nuclear submarine programme—"Development cost estimate: 800 million dollars. Target date: 1963. U.S. expert evaluation—doubtful, even impossible."

Doubts showed from an interim progress assessment: "SPO staff said to be flagging under 7-day-week strain. But reported to respond to 'Raborn rededication treatment.' Suggest rather than brain-washing this is probably due to hypnotic effect of inspired oratory."

The combination of PERT and "rededication" worked wonders.

For in July, 1960, the dossier entry was: "Polaris missile successfully test-fired from submerged submarine. Three years ahead of target date."

The admiral was being called "Mr. Polaris" by the U.S. Press.

A GRU "personality report concerning Raborn" said:

"When praised as 'administrative genius,' subject replied: 'I am the dumb one in the Polaris team.' Suggest these self-effacing claims insincere, as loyal member of subject's personal staff always present to refute them."

In a cross-reference from the KGB file "Concerning Goldwater, Senator Barry," Raborn was quoted: "He's just not smart enough to be President of the United States."

Raborn's political assessment was given: "Shrewder than most American senior officers."

HOUSE OF SECRETS

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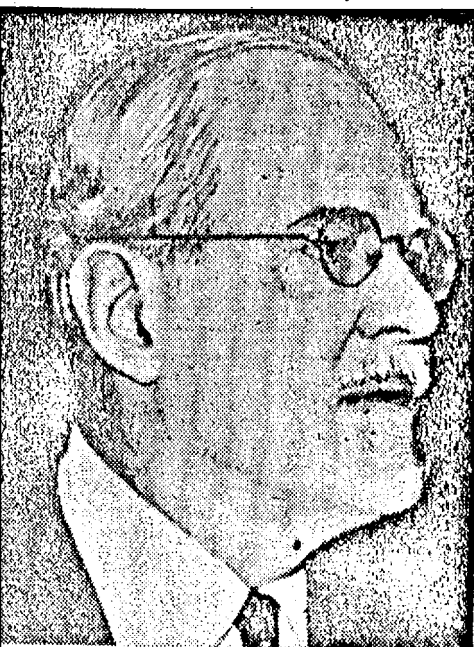
In other ways he was shrewd, too. When about to be appointed to direct CIA, he took steps to see that the U.S. Press need be no less well-informed than General Ivan Ivanovich Agayants.

At that time, Admiral Raborn, retired from the Navy, was a vice-president of a top defence plant at El Monte, California.



● Admiral Raborn (above). Remarkable—the resemblance to one of his predecessors, Allen Dulles (below), linked with the notorious Bay of Pigs fiasco.

By GEORGE POLLOCK



Aerojet-General Corporation.

According to Time magazine he alerted the corporation's public relations department: "You might want to have some biographical material on me available."

This was last April, when he flew to Texas for President Johnson to offer him his new post.

So he took over the vast 15 million dollar CIA house of secrets, clearly signposted for the convenience of the corporation.

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● No one ever identified them. They were swept into the CIA's Cuban fiasco, the abortive Bay of Pigs invasion . . . anti-Castro recruits in Miami at a medical check.

spies, in a wooded country at Langley, Va., and just 20 minutes by car from the White House.

Daily, 2,000 messages arrive at CIA HQ to be sorted, assessed, sieved into a 3,000-word appraisal of world affairs for delivery each morning at nine to the President.

Admiral Raborn took over from big businessman John A. McCone, who took over from Allen Dulles, whose reputation did not survive the abortive Cuban invasion at the Bay of Pigs, CIA's most ostentatious fiasco.

Its cost was heavy: 45 million dollars to mount the invasion, 30 million dollars in ransom to free the surviving 1,113 "liberators" from Castro's jails. Not to mention 1,650 Cuban dead, women and children among them, and 2,000 wounded.

Since then, despite — or perhaps because of—the activities of its 50,000 operatives and its lavish £350 million a year outlay, CIA has not been America's best-loved institution.

Even when dust looks like settling over some current controversy, CIA seems to be remorselessly haunted by past blunders.

As recently, when Singapore's Premier Lee Kuan Yew disclosed that CIA had offered him £1 million bribe in 1960 — since when it had been hoped the CIA had reformed. For, on the eve of confirmation of his appointment as director, John A. McCone wrote: "I do not consider the job as a policy-making post."

Read as a pledge that there would be no more Dulles-style adventures, this was comforting to America's friends as much as to foes.

In other ways, McCone was less welcome. One criticism was about his retaining big shipping and oil holdings, including a million dollars plus in Standard Oil of California.

Senator Joseph Clark (Democrat, Pennsylvania) questioned the wisdom and legality of this.

"Every well-informed American knows," he said.

companies are deep in the politics of the Middle East. The Central Intelligence Agency is deep in the politics of the Middle East."

LIE DETECTORS

A very different criticism was that McCone was not smart enough for a "super spy." Maybe some still hankered for 007 action from their CIA James Bonds.

If so, their picture of agents as red-blooded, all-American super-men was sadly tarnished by criticism from Prof. Stefan Possony over the use of lie-detectors for testing CIA staff.

The professor, one of America's experts on lie-detectors, said any serious Communist agent would be trained to beat the machine.

And most normal, virile young men, said the professor, respond uneasily to sex quizzing—"By contrast, homosexuals, who lack even the rudiments of guilt about their sex life, and may even be proud of it, will probably pass a lie-detector test with flying colours."

According to the professor, the tests help to recruit "timid drones," homosexuals or even Communists.

One notable act by John McCone was his attempt to censor a book by two respected Washington journalists, David Wise and Thomas B. Ross.

Their previous book had been *The U-2 Affair*, about CIA spy flights over Russia. The last, when Capt. Gary Powers was shot down, brought to a full stop the Paris summit conference. Their new book

was *The Invisible Government*, their full-time intelligence organisations, with CIA at the heart, secretly employing 200,000 and spending billions of dollars annually.

Mr. McCone offered to buy the advanced print of 2,000 copies if the publisher would tidy up the book to meet security needs. The book came out to a critical furore. But, despite all, CIA seems to be stealthily seeking to restore its prestige and disarm its critics.

Recently, the suggestion has been put around that the Bay of Pigs fiasco was not the fault of CIA—but of President Kennedy. His cancellation of air cover is given as the true reason for failure.

The story survives despite the statement in his book, *Kennedy*, by Theodore C. Sorensen, the late President's special counsel:

"Actually no U.S. Air Force jet participation had ever been planned, much less cancelled. Nor was there any cancellation of any other combat air force cover over the battle front."

Recently, too, a remarkable document appeared in the American Congressional Record.

This announced a Russian plot to discredit CIA, with behind it the Department of Disinformation — headed by General Ivan Ivanovich Agayants.

His method is to supply material for books and newspaper articles aimed at discrediting CIA. Between 350 and 400 "derogatory items" appear annually.

"The objective of the overall programme is to achieve the destruction, break-up and neutralisation of the CIA," declares the document, which says that the Soviets fear the Agency's ability "to penetrate and unmask Communist conspiracies against democratic institutions."

FORGERIES

So anyone who dares criticise CIA is likely to be accused of helping General Ivan Ivanovich Agayants' Department of Disinformation.

Red Raborn will have to do better than this—CIA has too much to live down for the past to be so easily forgotten.

Footnote: Does publication of the Raborn dossier of General Ivan Ivanovich Agayants not bear out CIA claims that Russians supply material seeking to discredit it? When the dossier was shown to a student of security methods he declared that it was not a genuine Department of Disinformation document — "It's a forgery, almost certainly based on American material."